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TEMPE ORDINANCE 6-34
AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO
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DEFINITIONS; PENALTY.

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- iv. The tether must be attached to a properly fitting collar or harness worn by the dog with enough room between the collar and the dog's throat through which two (2) fingers may fit. Choke or slip collars, pinch collars, or prong collars are prohibited for purposes of tethering a dog.
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